Public Meeting of the Board of Education

School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

September 28, 2021

6:30 p.m. – School District Office

**1.** Opening by Board Chair – Acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc People.

**1.1.** Call to Order

**2.** Agenda and Minutes

**2.1.** Approval of Agenda

*THAT the agenda of the September 28, 2021 Public Board of Education Meeting be approved as presented.*

**2.2.** Approval of Minutes

*THAT the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Public Board of Education Meeting be approved as presented.*

**2.3.** In-Camera Meeting Report

*THAT the report of the In-Camera meeting of June 22, 2021 be approved as presented.*

**3.** Presentation - none

**4.** Delegations - none

**5.** Reports

**5.1.** Superintendent | Secretary-Treasurer

**5.2.** 2020 - 2021 Audited Financial Statements

**5.3.** Audited Findings Report - KPMG

**5.4.** Committee Reports

5.4.1. Policy Committee

Recommended motions arising:
*THAT Draft Policy 510 – Protection of Students and maintenance of Order be approved for distribution.*

*THAT Policy 160 – Trustee Remuneration be approved for distribution.*

*THAT Policy 5145 – Protection of Students and Maintenance Order be repealed.*

*THAT Policy 5141.2 – Anaphylaxis be repealed.*

*THAT Policy 5141.2 – Anaphylaxis Form be repealed.*

*THAT Policy 6162.1 – Selection of Learning Resources be repealed.*

5.4.2. Finance & Facilities and Transportation Committee

Recommended motions arising:

*THAT the Long-Range Facilities Plan for 2021-2031 be approved as presented.*

*THAT $2,000,000.00 be moved from accumulated operating surplus to local capital.*

*THAT the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.*

5.4.3. Education Committee

5.4.3.1. Presentation
Strategic Plan – Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Recommended motion arising:

*THAT the Strategic Plan - Framework for Enhancing Student Learning be approved as presented.*

**5.5.** Trustees

**5.6.** Liaison / Representation

**6.** Reading File

**6.1.** Correspondence to the Board

6.1.1. WLFN Letter to Board of Education

**7.** Adjournment

*THAT the public meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at _____ p.m.*

**8.** Public Comments

***PUBLIC***

Open Meeting of the Board of Education
**School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)**

**MINUTES**

**June 22, 2021**
**District Office – Board Room**

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|---|---|
| Trustees Present | Ciel Patenaude<br>Angie Delainey<br>Alexis Forseille<br>Anne Kohut<br>Willow Macdonald<br>Linda Martens (via Teams) |
| Staff Present | Chris van der Mark, Superintendent of Schools<br>Norine Durban, Secretary-Treasurer<br>Cheryl Lenardon, Assistant Superintendent<br>Sean Cameron, Director of Instruction<br>Cathy van der Mark, Director of Instruction<br>Patrick McCarron, Manager of Facilities & Transportation<br>Taryn Aumond, Director of Human Resources<br>Barrett Gaunce, Manager of Finance<br>Carrie Pratt, Executive Assistant |

## 1. Opening by Chair

### 1.1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) People.

## 2. Agenda and Minutes

### 2.1. Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda of the June 22, 2021 Public Board of Education Meeting be approved as presented.

O2021.06.22-01

Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Macdonald
**CARRIED**

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### 2.2. Approval of Minutes

THAT the minutes of the May 25, 2021 Public Meeting of the Board of Education be approved as presented.

O2021.06.22-02 Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Forseille
**CARRIED**

### 2.3. Receipt of In-Camera Meeting Report

THAT the report of the May 25, 2021 In-Camera Meeting of the Board be approved as presented.

O2021.06.22-03 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Forseille
**CARRIED**

## 3. Presentation – Local Education Agreement Signing

Jerome Beauchamp, First Nations Education Liaison, invited Mr. Floyd Dick to provide a welcoming song. Mr. Beauchamp spoke about the significance of Local Education Agreements and the District's commitment to work alongside the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation (Canoe/Dog Creek Band) in support of their students. Kúkwpi7 (Chief) Hank Adams and Chair Ciel Patenaude signed the agreement. Both Kúkwpi7 Adams and Councilor Harold Duncan spoke.

The Superintendent thanked Mr. Beauchamp for returning from his retirement to facilitate the Local Education Agreements as well as his continued support of Indigenous Students in the District.

## 4. Delegation – None

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. Superintendent

Superintendent van der Mark reported on the following:

- COVID-19
- Leadership Series
- A look back and A Look Forward from Senior Staff (new in 2020-2021)
- Schools of Choice Update
- Board of Education acknowledgement

## 5.2. Secretary-Treasurer

Secretary-Treasurer Norine Durban reported on the following:

- District staff response to critical incident
- BGC Williams Lake
- Projected Surplus 2021-2022
- Budget 2021-2022

## 5.3. Committee Reports

### 5.3.1. Finance Committee & Facilities and Transportation Committee

THAT, in accordance with Section 68(4) of the School Act, the Board of Education unanimously agrees to give School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22 – CPSD27-01 at its June 22, 2021 all three readings at this meeting.

O2021.06.22-04 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Macdonald
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

THAT School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD27-01 that includes the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated May 11, 2021 for the 2021-2022 Capital Plan be read a first time this 22nd day of June, 2021.
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O2021.06.22-05 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Macdonald
**CARRIED**

THAT School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD27-01 that includes the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated May 11, 2021 for the 2021-2022 Capital Plan be read a second time this 22nd day of June, 2021.

O2021.06.22-06 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Macdonald
**CARRIED**

THAT School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD27-01 that includes the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated May 11, 2021 for the 2021-2022 Capital Plan be read a third time this 22nd day of June, 2021.
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O2021.06.22-07 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Patenaude
**CARRIED**

THAT the Board of Education approve the Annual Facilities Grant Projects for 2021-2022 as presented.

O2021.06.22-08 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Macdonald
**CARRIED**

THAT the Board of Education, in accordance with Policy 160 – Trustee Remuneration, approve an increase of 0.7% to all trustees effective July 1, 2021.

O2021.06.22-09 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Forseille
**CARRIED**

THAT the Board of Education, in accordance with section 82 (6) of the School Act, approve the school fees as presented for publication with the amendment of $45 for Mile 108 fees.

O2021.06.22-10 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Patenaude
**CARRIED**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, hereby approves by resolution the proposed Five-year Major Capital Plan for 2022-2023 as presented.

O2021.06.22-11 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Kohut
**CARRIED**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, hereby approves by resolution the proposed Five-year Major Building Envelope Program Capital Plan for 2022-2023 as presented.

O2021.06.22-12 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Kohut
**CARRIED**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, hereby approves by resolution the proposed Five-year Minor Capital Plan for 2022-2023 as presented.

O2021.06.22-13 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee Patenaude
**CARRIED**

### 5.3.2. Education Committee

THAT the Board of Education continues to uphold the existing Mission Vision and Values statement as we continue to develop this statement and our strategic plan.

O2021.06.22-14 Moved: Trustee Martens
Seconded: Trustee Delainey
**CARRIED**

THAT the Board of Education approves the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning - Draft Strategic Plan as presented.

O2021.06.22-15 Moved: Trustee Forseille
Seconded: Trustee Patenaude
**CARRIED**

### 5.4. Trustees - None

### 5.5. Liaison / Representation - None

## 6. Reading File

**6.1.** Correspondence to the Board

**6.1.1.** Letter to Minister Whiteside from City of WL cc: Board of Education

## 7. Adjournment

THAT the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

O2021.06.22-16 Moved: Trustee Delainey
Seconded: Trustee
**CARRIED**

**Public Comments**

An opportunity was provided for public comments pertaining to the agenda.

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|---|---|
| Chris van der Mark<br>Acting Secretary-Treasurer | Ciel Patenaude<br>Chair |

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**In-Camera Meeting Notes provided pursuant to Section 72 (3) of the *School Act:***

*"A board must prepare a record containing a general statement as to the nature of the matters discussed and the general nature of the decisions reached at a meeting from which persons other than trustees or officers of the board, or both, were excluded, and the record must be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any person, who may make copies and extracts on payment of a fee set by the board".*

**DATE: June 22, 2021 LOCATION: School Board Office**

**TRUSTEE PRESENT: Ciel Patenaude (4:15), Angie Delainey, Alexis Forseille, Willow Macdonald, Anne Kohut**

**TRUSTEES ATTENDING VIA TEAMS: Linda Martens**

**STAFF PRESENT: Superintendent Chris van der Mark, Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Secretary-Treasurer Norine Durban, Directors of Instruction Sean Cameron and Cathy van der Mark, Director of Human Resources Taryn Aumond, Manager of Facilities & Transportation Patrick McCarron Manager of Facilities & Transportation, Manager of Finance Barrett Gaunce, Executive Assistant Carrie Pratt**

**1.** Opening by Chair
  1.1. Call to Order – 4:03 p.m. and acknowledgment of traditional territory.
**2.** Agenda and Minutes
  2.1. Approval of Agenda
  2.2. Adoption of Minutes
**3.** Information Items
  3.1. Legal Matter – Civil
  3.2. Legal Matter - Land
**4.** Discussion Items
  4.1. Staffing Update
  4.2. BCPSEA Survey
**5.** Action Items
  5.1. Board Self Evaluation
  5.2. Staffing Update
**6.** Adjournment – 6:20 p.m.

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# Briefing Note

**TO:** **Board of Education**

**FROM:** **Chris van der Mark**

**DATE:** **September 28, 2021**

**RE:** **Superintendent | Secretary-Treasurer Report**

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## WELCOME BACK

Thanks to everyone for their efforts required in a successful start- up in another uneasy year. Special thanks to our facilities and transportation department for their work getting schools ready while also coordinating with much of the emergency services in the summer.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

As much as we had hoped we would be through this by now…we are not. Thank you for your patience and understanding as well as your individual efforts to keep our communities safe.

Guidelines for the K-12 sector remain as announced in August, though contact and exposure reporting is different this year. Interior Health only contacts the school district and/or administration if they require additional information. There may be circumstances where IH recommends self-monitoring or self-isolating to individuals, groups, classes or even schools. IH did a superb job of this last year and their communication was excellent. As this pandemic has continued, I expect they have also learned more and developed efficiencies in their work.

Part of the roll out includes limited vaccination clinics in secondary schools on specific dates. You will have seen letters go home regarding our 4 secondary sites.

## SEPTEMBER 7th - DISTRICT DAY

All employees and members of SD27 (and partners) were invited to join Kevin Lamoureux (University of Winnipeg) in a conversation about Truth and Reconciliation and how we can use schools to be places of healing. It was a powerful start and the value of us all coming together was visible to all. Mr. Lamoureux will be back on November 26th.

We expect our schools to be actively participating in the upcoming Orange Shirt Day as well as engaging in specific learning related to Truth and Reconciliation as we lead up to the newly established Day of Truth and Reconciliation, and beyond.

## LEARNING SERIES

SD27 teaching staff have jumped right into the learning. The September Pro-D featured Peter Liljedahl, Carole Fullerton and Leyton Schnellert continuing the instructional capacity building we began last year. All three also spent time on Thursday co-planning and co-teaching with SD27 teachers to deepen the experience and highlight the intentionality of the planning. Thanks to Mr. Ryan Hanley and the Pro-D team for their efforts supporting and promoting this valuable learning.

## LEADERSHIP SERIES

We will be having our first gathering of the teacher leadership group in October. We are looking forward to deepening the conversations that began last year.

## HELPING TEACHERS

It has been exciting to start the year with our new helping teachers making the rounds. Thanks to Natalie Ohlhauser, Jana Prokes, and Don Kinasewich for jumping into these roles with both feet.

## INNOVATION GRANTS

The call has once again gone out for staff/schools to submit proposals for projects that enhance teaching and learning. Successful applicants can get up to $2000. Projects are then presented at the Education Committee in the Spring.

## MENTORSHIP

We are looking forward to starting the mentorship series for year 1, 2, and 3 teachers. We had a late start last year, but with good communication between the district and the CCTA, we were able set a good foundation. We look forward to continuing this work.

## ENROLMENT UPDATE

As mentioned in committee, we have had a sizeable jump in enrolment. Fortunately, our planning had been pretty solid in the spring, and we have been able to add staffing where necessary. The added staffing will also bring us out of funding protection ($1.6M) and it is important to understand we do not get additional funds until the enrolment passes what has already been granted under funding protection. This makes the Spring

work even more important. The combined planning efforts and general positive financial situation of the District have worked well.

The increased enrolment allowed us to create new classrooms that also helped us resolve some lingering School of Choice issues. As of this writing, we had successfully accommodated 105 students. 9 students were denied where no space could be found.

We will continue to examine the pressure points that emerge through school of choice and catchments. We will have additional information at the October Committee Meetings.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

See Presentation

## ATRIEVE REIMPLEMENTATION

Last April the District began an extensive re-set of our HR, Payroll and Finance processes. The District had not updated in 28 years, and this has made for an interesting process. There are still some bumps, but I would like to thank Mr. Gaunce, Ms. Aumond and their teams for soldiering through. It will end up in a better, more efficient place. I would also like to thank Mr. Cameron for his leadership on this project.

Mr. Gaunce is having ongoing training sessions for clerical staff to become familiar with features of the system, especially with regards to purchasing. We were one of the few districts (if any) without a purchase order system and that was exposing larger issues and potential risks.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING STRUCTURES

All of the outdoor structures have been completed. It has been awesome to drive around and see classes making pretty steady use of these features. Thanks to the local businesses and our facilities team for this work!

## FLAG POLES

Last year we encountered a situation where many of our schools did not the ability to lower flags when requested by government. Apparently, this pops up every so often and then we move on. Our facilities began this work over the summer and will continue addressing the sites where necessary.

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# POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

## September 14, 2021 (3:06 – 3:48 p.m.)

**Trustees in Attendance:** Ciel Patenaude, Angie Delainey, Anne Kohut, Willow Macdonald Alexis Walch, Mary Forbes, Anne Kohut

**Regrets:** Linda Martens

**Staff:** Superintendent Chris van der Mark, Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Acting Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Barrett Gaunce, Directors of Instruction Sean Cameron, Dean Coder, and Cathy van der Mark, manager of Finance and Facilities Patrick McCarron, Executive Assistant Carrie Pratt

| Agenda Item | Notes | Action |
|---|---|---|
| Acknowledgment of traditional territory | | |
| **1. May 11, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting Report** | The committee reviewed the report and recommended no changes. | None |
| **2. Draft Policy 510 – Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order** | The committee reviewed the Draft policy after circulation for public feedback. No feedback received. The Administrative Procedure was provided for information. | Referred to Board for final approval. |
| **3. Policy 160 – Trustee Remuneration** | The Board approved an amendment to Trustee Remuneration to reflect the Consumer Price Index, policy must be updated to reflect the change. | Referred to the Board for final approval. |
| **4. Draft Policy 5140 – Video Surveillance** | The committee reviewed this policy as part of its standard policy review process. The committee provided significant input and referred to staff for development of new draft policy. | Referred to staff. |
| **5. Policy 6120 - Challenge** | The committee reviewed this policy as part of its standard policy review process. Referred to staff for development of new draft policy. | Referred to staff. |
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| Agenda Item | Notes | Action |
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| **6. Policy 6121 - Equivalency** | The committee reviewed this policy as part of its standard policy review process. Referred to staff for development of new draft policy. | Referred to staff. |
| **7. Policy Repeals** | The following policies were presented for repeal:<br>a) Policy 5145 – Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order (replaced by AP 510)<br>b) Policy 5141.2 – Anaphylaxis (replaced by Policy 500)<br>c) Policy 5141.2 – Anaphylaxis Form (replaced by Policy 500)<br>d) Policy 6163.1 – Selection of Learning Resources (replaced by AP 315) | Referred to Board for repeal. |
| **6. Administrative Procedures** | The following procedures are provided for information only:<br>a) AP 420 – Respectful workplaces<br>b) AP 430 – Whistle Blower Protection<br>c) AP 400-001 – Leaves of Absence | None provided for information only. |

**7.** Future Meeting Dates:

| MEETING | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| Policy Committee | October 12, 2021 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | November 9, 2021 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | December 7, 2021 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | January 11, 2022 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | February 8, 2022 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | March 8, 2022 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | April 12, 2022 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | May 10, 2022 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Policy Committee | June 14, 2022 | 3:00 p.m. | Board Office |

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# FINANCE AND FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

**September 14, 2021 (4:06 – 6:08 p.m.)**

**In Attendance:**

**Trustees:** Angie Delainey, Ciel Patenaude, Alexis Walch, Mary Forbes, Anne Kohut, Willow Macdonald

**Regrets:** Linda Martens

**Staff:** Superintendent Chris van der Mark, Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Acting Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Barrett Gaunce, Director of Human Resources Taryn Aumond, Directors of Instruction Dean Coder, Sean Cameron and Cathy van der Mark, Manager of Facilities & Transportation Patrick McCarron, Executive Assistant Carrie Pratt

| Agenda Item | Notes | Action |
|---|---|---|
| Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory | | |
| **1.** June 8, 2021 Committee Report | The committee reviewed the report and recommended no changes. | None |
| **2.** COVID-19 Update | Superintendent van der Mark provided information on return to classroom protocols. SD27 is in discussions with Interior Health who are working with districts to provide vaccination clinics in schools to help with access for those who have been unable get vaccinated. The committee had an extensive discussion about the clinics. | None. Provided for information. |
| **3.** Annual Facilities Grant and Summer Projects Update | Patrick McCarron, Mgr. of Facilities and Transportation, provided an overview of Annual Facilities Grant and summer projects, including:<br>• Outdoor learning structures completed<br>• Switch gear upgrade<br>• Demolition of 100 MH Jr. completed<br>• 150 MH Elementary roof 90% complete<br>• Security System upgrades<br>• Naqhtaneqed envelope 85% complete<br>• District flooring replacement in 6 locations<br>• Exterior painting at Tatla<br>• Wildfire Emergency management | None. Provided for information. |

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| Agenda Item | Notes | Action |
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| **4.** Atrieve Update | Superintendent van der Mark provided an update on the modernization underway in the finance department with a new purchasing system established to streamline and track spending, approvals and oversight. Similarly, the HR and Payroll departments are also modernizing. We will see some growing pains as people get used to the new system, but this is to be expected in a shift that encompasses 28 years! | None. Provided for information. |
| **5.** Properties and Facilities Update | Superintendent van der Mark provided a general update on surplus properties:<br>• Poplar Glade – working with Ministry through 90-day enhanced referral process<br>• Glendale – No immediate plans or interest, the District will also need to determine any viable future options for the school district Glendale.<br>• Columneetza Dorm – difficult to find user, though very good bones for daycare, administrative or storage possible.<br>• Wildwood – continued interest from community. Process to return to crown should be finalized soon. | None. Provided for information. |
| **6.** Long Range Facilities Plan | Each year the District must submit a Long-Range Facilities Plan to the Ministry. This plan should be approved through Board motion. Superintendent van der Mark noted that the District had previously asked the Ministry to include SBO and Skyline/GROW along with a new Marie Sharpe. By eliminating the additional buildings, the cost would be significantly reduced to $27 M from the original $43 M. The draft plan was presented for approval. | Referred to Board for approval. |
| **7.** Audit Update | Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gaunce provided an overview of expected audit findings and clarification on local capital surplus, accumulated operating surplus, and the district contingency fund. There was a recommendation to move $2M from accumulated operating surplus to local capital. | Referred to Board for approval. |
| **8.** District of 100 Mile House Request | The committee reviewed the request from the District of 100 Mile House to utilize space on the former 100 MH Jr. site for an outdoor rink. | None. Provided for information. |

| Agenda Item | Notes | Action |
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**9.** Proposed Future Meeting Dates

| MEETING | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| Finance/Facilities Committee | October 12, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | November 9, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | December 7, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | January 11, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | February 8, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | March 8, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | April 12, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | May 10, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Finance/Facilities Committee | June 14, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. | Board Office |

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# EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

**September 15, 2021 (4:06 – 5:48 p.m.)**

**In Attendance:**

**Trustees**: Alexis Forseille, Mary Forbes, Anne Kohut

**Via Teams:** Ciel Patenaude, Willow Macdonald

**Staff:** Superintendent Chris van der Mark, Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Acting Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Barrett Gaunce, Director of Instruction Sean Cameron, Executive Assistant Carrie Pratt

| Agenda Item | Notes | Action |
|---|---|---|
| Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory | | |
| **1.** June 9, 2021 Committee Report | The committee reviewed the report and recommended no changes. | None. |
| **2.** Strategic Plan Update | In June, the Board reviewed and approved the Strategic Plan – District Plan for Learner Success. Staff have continued to update the plan over the summer with the most current data and developed the indicators of progress of the actions set out in the plan. Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon provided an update of the plan. The committee reviewed and discussed the plan and referred it to the Board for final approval. | Referred to Board for approval. |
| **3.** September 7 – District Planning Day | Superintendent van der Mark provided an overview of the district planning day with Kevin Lamoureux. All district staff attended while Mr. Lamoureux helped us begin the conversation where we imagine schools as places of healing through truth and reconciliation. It was a unique opportunity to bring the entire district together for this crucial conversation.<br><br>Thanks to Chief Willie Sellars, Chief Fred Robbins, and Board Chair Patenaude for their welcome messages. Thanks also to Sue Sim IUOE President and Murray Helmer CCTA President.<br><br>Mr. Lamoureux will join us again in November. | None. Information only. |

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**4.** 2021 – 2022 Learning Series

Superintendent van der Mark shared the extensive line up of presenters for the 2021-2022 District Learning Series.

| | Sep. 7 | Sep. 24 | Nov. 26 | Feb. 18 | Apr. 29 |
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| Kevin Lamoureux | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Peter Liljedahl | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Leyton Schnellert | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Shelley Moore | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Carole Fullerton | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Faye Brownlie | | | ✓ | | |

Other leading learning opportunities that began last year:

- New Teacher Mentorship
- District Leadership Series
- Innovation Funds
- Helping Teachers
- Increased School Level Budgets

None. Information only.

**5.** Website & Communication Portal

An update was provided on the new District and school websites as well as the staff communication portal.

None. Information only.

**6.** Proposed Future Meeting Dates:

| MEETING | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| Education Committee | October 13, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | November 10, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | December 8, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | January 12, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | February 9, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | March 9, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | April 13, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | May 11, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |
| Education Committee | June 15, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. | Board Office |

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August 17, 2021

**VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR POST**

School District 27 Board of Education
c/o School District 27
350 North 2nd Avenue, Williams Lake, BC V2G 1Z9

**Attention Ciel Patenaude, Board Chair**

Dear Ms. Patenaude:

**Re: Construction of a New School to Replace Marie Sharpe Elementary**

Further to our previous engagement, I am writing to express our emphatic support for the construction of a new school in Williams Lake to replace the existing Marie Sharpe Elementary. It is our understanding that approximately 70% of the students at Marie Sharpe are indigenous, and from discussions with our Members who have children at that facility (along with many others), we are well aware that the school is crumbling and in dire need of replacement. We have heard talk of the boilers failing and general issues with the HVAC system, which heightened health concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is truly saddening that the educational facility that hosts the highest percentage of Indigenous children in our area is in terrible condition. Given that Marie Sharpe is an "inner city" school, it is attended by many at risk children and we, like you, would like to see a better environment provided for these students.

We are in the midst of an exploration of the lands surrounding the former St. Joseph's Mission Residential School, and the concept of reconciliation is certainly at the top of mind for our Council and our community. A key part of reconciliation is ensuring that the physical and social infrastructure utilized by First Nations is comparable to that available to other British Columbians. Schools are a key part of that infrastructure.

There is the opportunity for a huge win if the Province were to construct a new school in Williams Lake. The potential benefits include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. We could improve the standard for the large concentration of First Nations students attending Marie Sharpe.

2. The capital injection resulting from a new school construction would be a huge investment into a resource-based community that has struggled mightily in the wake of a dwindling fibre supply, catastrophic wildfires, the 2014 Mount Polley TSF failure and the global pandemic.

3. There is the opportunity for WLFN to participate directly in the construction of a new school (through its various partnerships and ventures), marking a significant effort on the part of the Province toward economic reconciliation.

4. The is an opportunity in relation to the disposition of unused School District 27 property (most significantly the property previously occupied by Poplar Glade Elementary) and WLFN has a very serious interest in acquiring and developing that property. If this were to occur, it would also be a significant opportunity for economic reconciliation and the resulting development would create additional opportunities for community housing (which are desperately needed in Williams Lake).

We remain committed to working with the Board of Education of School District 27 and the Province with a view to seeing a new school constructed in Williams Lake. It is our understanding that Minister Rankin will be visiting Williams Lake in the near future, and this is one of the topics that we wish to discuss with him.

If there is anything further we can provide in relation to this correspondence, please feel free to reach out to WLFN's Chief Administrative Officer, Aaron Mannella, at (250) 296-3507 or aaron.mannella@wlfn.ca.

Sincerely,

**WILLIAMS LAKE FIRST NATION**

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